

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Recreation and Parks Provides an Update Regarding Programs and Services**

*Moving from COVID-19 response to recovery, and returning to fun*

**Orland Park, IL** (May 22, 2020) – Summer is just around the corner and normally the Village of Orland Park would be bustling with activities including day camps, swimming, softball leagues, and outdoor special events. Normally, our parks are filled with kids at the playgrounds and friendly games of tennis, pickleball, and basketball. We hope to get back to this soon.

The Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department is closely following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and local agencies as it pertains to public parks and recreation activities and facilities. We are awaiting further direction from these agencies in order to make appropriate decisions on which activities we will be able to offer this summer. The Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department is providing the following update regarding programs and services.

Recreation and Parks programs and services are subject to change as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Please visit our website ([www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org)) and social media sites for current updates.

### **Summer Program Guide**

The Village's Summer Recreation Program Guide is now online. The Guide has been modified to accommodate existing mandates. Resident registration is now available for June, July and August programs. Non-resident registration will begin on May 29.

At this time, summer program registration will only be accepted online at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org), by U.S. mail, e-mail or by dropping off completed forms, with payment, in a Recreation & Parks Department drop-box located at:

- Recreation and Parks Department, 14600 Ravinia Avenue
- Cultural Center, 14760 Park Lane
- Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street

Programs run virtually in June will be marked accordingly in the program guide. Once new guidelines are released by officials for public gatherings, Village staff will be able to modify our programs accordingly. These modifications may include limiting participants per offering.

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### **Centennial Park Aquatic Center (CPAC)**

Some suburban park districts have already announced the season closure of their public pools. We have decided to delay our decision until more information can be obtained. All pool operations are suspended until we receive additional guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). At that time, we will evaluate the situation and make a decision. Please visit our website ([www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org)) and social media sites for current updates.

### **Summer Camps**

According to Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan, limited summer programs will be allowed to open with IDPH approved safety guidance beginning on May 29. As soon as this IDPH guidance is made available, Village staff will post appropriate summer camp offerings on our website.

### **Special Events Rescheduled**

The following special events have been rescheduled:

- The Market at the Park: Originally scheduled to run June 4 - July 23, the market is being rescheduled to run July 2 - August 20, while incorporating updated guidelines provided as a result of COVID-19.
- Concerts in the Park: The June 28 concert at Crescent Park is being rescheduled for September 6. The July 12 concert at Crescent Park will remain as scheduled.

Planning and preparations for the Taste of Orland Park, and Centennial Park West Concert Series are ongoing.

### **Veterans Liberty Run/Walk**

This run/walk, scheduled for July 3, will become an all-day event allowing participants to run/walk the race route at any time during the course of the day on July 3. Participation includes the highly touted Veterans Liberty Run race shirt.

### **Fourth of July Fireworks**

Some communities have already announced the cancellation of their Fourth of July Fireworks. Orland Park will be having a Fourth of July Fireworks display. The only item that is yet to be finalized is the extent of events that will occur at Centennial Park. At this point, the Village anticipates hosting a Fourth of July concert at Centennial Park, with appropriate social distancing measures. Regardless of whether events will occur at Centennial Park, a fireworks display will proceed, weather depending. This year, the fireworks will be modified so that the pyrotechnics will occur at a higher aerial level so that it can be seen throughout the community. The show will begin at 9:30p.m. and will be live streamed via the Village's YouTube channel. Please visit our website ([www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org)) and social media sites for current updates.

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### Park Shelter and Facility Rentals

Currently, we are not accepting reservations for park shelters, facility meeting room rentals, or aquatic center parties. Please visit our website ([www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org)) and social media sites for current updates.

### Centennial Park West Concert Series

Featuring 12 major headline artists over three dates for one low price.

Orland Park residents may purchase discounted tickets for \$65 through June 30th by calling 708-403-5000 or 708-403-6170. Tickets sales to the general public began May 22 for \$90 at Universe.com

Concert goers may bring food and beverages of their choice as they enjoy the elaborate grounds of Centennial Park West.

The Concert Series kicks off on July 18 with Tommy James & The Shondells (*Crystal Blue Persuasion, Crimson & Clover, Draggin' the Line, Mony Mony, Hanky Panky, Three Times in Love, I Think We're Alone Now*)

Playing before Tommy James and The Shondells is a collection of Chicago's legendary bands including: The Ides of March featuring Jim Peterik (*Vehicle*), The Buckingham's (*Kind of a Drag*), Cyran' Shames (*It Could Be We're In Love*), New Colony Six (*I Will Always Think About You*) and Shadows of Night (*Gloria*).

On August 8, we welcome Blue Öyster Cult (*Don't Fear, The Reaper, Burnin' For You, Godzilla, Cities on Flame with Rock & Roll*); The Fabulous Thunderbirds (*Tuff Enuff, Wrap It Up, Powerful Stuff*) and Mark Farner's American Band (*I'm Your Captain, Some Kind of Wonderful, The Loco-Motion*) perform.

The series wraps up on August 22 with Grammy Award Winning Artist Scott Stapp Voice of Creed (*The Space Between the Shadows, Survivor, Purpose for Pain, Gone to Soon, Slow Suicide Creed Songs: With Arms Wide Open, Higher, One Last Breath*). Also performing will be Filter (*Take a Picture, Welcome to the Fold, The Best Things*) and Dishwalla (*Counting Blue Cars, Give*).

If any or all dates are cancelled due to COVID-19, ticket holders will receive a full refund (in the case of cancellation of all three concerts) or partial, pro-rated refund (in the case of cancellation of one or two of the concerts).

### Sportsplex

Sportsplex will offer outdoor exercise classes in compliance with Phase 3 guidelines beginning June 1. The full 15-class schedule includes Zumba, Cycle, Strength, Buns and Guns, Sculpt and Flow Yoga, and more. Please register online at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org), by U.S. mail, e-mail or by dropping off completed forms, with payment, in a Recreation & Parks Department drop-box located at:

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All fees apply.

**Orland Park Health and Fitness Center**

Beginning June 1, the Orland Park Health & Fitness Center will offer outdoor group exercise classes for current members. The schedule will include a variety of classes from Sit and Be Fit to Cycling throughout the week. The updated group exercise schedule and enrollment instructions will be available at [ophfc.com](http://ophfc.com) and the Orland Park Health and Fitness Facebook page next week.

Here is a reminder of current offerings that were included in our May 6, 2020 update:

- Parks, Trails, Fishing and Boating are open.
- The Village's disc golf course located at Doogan Park is open.
- Tennis/Pickleball courts are open.
- The "DogOut" dog park located on the Centennial Park Campus is open.

**Thank you**

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all work through the details of the COVID-19 situation. It is at times like this that everyone needs parks and recreation more than ever, and we are working hard to get to that point as soon as safely possible.

Visit our website at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org) for the most up-to-date information regarding programs and services or call us at 708-403-5000.

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